

Message from Gail Adams, Director OIEA August was a very busy month for Secretary Salazar and our office. We started the month off by signing an agreement with the United States Army Reserve to bolster reserve employment and support military families. We also made progress on the

President's vision for an "all-of the-above" approach to energy development by further promoting renewable energy development on federal lands and also outlining a proposal that will allow for additional access for oil and gas development in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A). We also focused on economic development and job creation at a White House Business Economic Competitiveness Forum on travel and tourism with industry professionals from around the

country. I encourage you to visit our enhanced Recreation.gov website. The redesign of www.recreation.gov is an initial step in a multi-year strategy to engage visitors with enhanced interactive content and more multimedia, mobile, trip-planning tools. The seven million visitors who use the web site every itineraries for destination cities, and search for activities on an

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Species

the State Wildlife Grants (SWG) Competitive

funding will be matched by

-federal funds provided by

states and their partners.

Program, part of the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service's

program, awards grants to

projects that implement strategies and actions to

The SWG Competitive

State Wildlife Grants

conserve Species of Greatest Conservation Need

(SGCN) contained in approved State

Comprehensive Wildlife

known as State Wildlife

Action Plans). Priority is

projects that demonstrate

measurable performance

imperiled species. Funding

appropriations for the SWG

All 56 states and territorial wildlife agencies have

sive Wildlife Conservation Plans, which collectively provide a nationwide

blueprint for actions to

approved State Comprehen-

for the grants comes from

results and benefits to

Competitive Program.

Fiscal Year 2012

given to large-scale cooperative conservation

Conservation Plans (also

more than \$4.6 million in non

Program. This federal

Service Announces \$5.7 Million in State Wildlife **Grants to Help Imperiled** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today announced that more than \$5.7 million in grants will be awarded to seven state fish and wildlife agencies to help conserve and recover imperiled species and habitats through

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Photo: Secretary Salazar meets with North Slope Borough (Alaska) local officials. Photo Credit: Tami Heilemann, DOI Office of Communications Reversing Decades of Decline, the Number of Hunters and Anglers is on the Rise

Highlighting the reversal of decades of declining numbers, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced the results of a comprehensive national survey of outdoor recreation showing a significant increase in hunters and a double-digit increase in anglers over the past five years.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation found that hunters nationwide increased by 9 percent while anglers grew by 11 percent. Nearly 38 percent of all Americans participated in wildlife-related recreation in 2011, an increase of 2.6 million participants from the previous survey in 2006. They spent \$145 billion on related gear, trips and other purchases, such as licenses, tags and land leasing and ownership, representing 1 percent of the nation's gross domestic product.

The results of the National Overview report can be found <u>here</u>. **News Highlights**

August 1: Interior Secretary and U.S. Army Reserve Chief Sign Agreement to Bolster Reservist and Veteran Employment Opportunities in America's Great Outdoors August 2: Salazar, Jarvis Announce \$1.66 Million in Grants Under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

August 6: Interior and Defense Departments Join Forces to Promote Renewable Energy on Federal Lands

Leasing Offshore Maine

August 9: Interior Announces Next Steps for Commercial Wind August 10: Interior Announces Consultation Policy for Alaska Native Corporations

August 13: AMERICA'S GREAT OUTDOORS: Salazar Designates National Water Trail in Oregon August 13: Salazar Outlines Proposed Plan for Additional Development, Wildlife Protection in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska August 14: USGS Releases U.S. Oil & Gas Reserve Growth Estimates

August 15: AMERICA'S GREAT OUTDOORS: Reversing Decades of Decline, the Number of Hunters and Anglers is on the Rise

August 17: AMERICA'S GREAT OUTDOORS: Salazar, Vilsack Announce Members of Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council August 20: Obama Administration Announces New Design, Expanded Content for Recreation.Gov as Part of Initiative to Boost Tourism, Strengthen Economy

August 22: Interior Extends Deadline for Nominations to Committee on U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

August 22: Secretary Salazar, Governor Hickenlooper Applaud Efforts to Advance Rocky Mountain Greenway

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National Park Highlight: Wright Brothers Memorial Wright Brothers National Memorial, located in Kill Devil Hills, NC, is the site of the first powered, controlled, sustained flight-of-man and attracts 420,000 visitors each year. Because of the constant winds, sandy slopes, and relative isolation, Wilbur and Orville Wright chose this remote barrier island as the ideal locale for their flying machine experiments. From 1900-1903, the Wrights devoted much of their time to solving the problem of flight, a feat once considered impossible. On December 17, 1903, Orville Wright broke man's bond with the earth, flying 120 feet in 12 seconds, and paving the way for the future of aviation. Highlight courtesy of Sarahanne Blake, Interpretive Park Ranger, Wright Brothers National Memorial. STAFF: Gail Adams, Director Andres Varona, Fellow

Photo: Wright Brothers Memorial. Photo Credit: Isra Pananon, OIEA U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs Francisco Carrillo, Deputy Director, Director, Latino Affairs Terri Johnson, Deputy Director Vicki Dixon, Program Analyst Isra Pananon, Special Assistant Marc Littlejohn, Special Assistant Valerie Smith, Program Assistant OIEA@ios.doi.gov

members from the Fish and Wildlife Service staff as well as directors from state wildlife agencies. For more information on State Wildlife Grants click here.

conserve these priority species. Conserving these species can help limit costly listings under the Endangered Species Act. The plans were created through a collaborative effort among state and federal

agencies, biologists, conservationists, landowners, sportsmen, and the general public. Each plan was then reviewed and endorsed by a national team consisting of

Photo: Secretary Salazar with an NPS Ranger at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Photo Credit: Tami Heilemann, DOI Office of Communications Photo: Secretary Salazar hosts a Milwaukee town hall. Photo Credit: Tami Heilemann, DOI Office of Communications